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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 4, 2005
REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order

The Board convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room 2 of Town Hall. All members were present.

Questions from Town Residents

There were none.

Action by Appointment

Discussion of Collective Bargaining – Executive Session

The Board moved: to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and land acquisition; and further that the Board shall return to open session at approximately 7:10 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board of Selectmen returned to open session at approximately 7:15pm.

The Board moved: to sign the BPPA Union contract for a multi-year agreement for FY 2005, 2006, and 2007.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of Town Meeting Warrant

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and discussed a draft warrant for the Annual Town Meeting with Acting Assistant Town Administrator Becky Vose.

The Board recommended that Article 19 be removed from the existing draft warrant, at the request of Town Counsel John Giorgio, because the proper channels were not followed when addressing this item.

The Board of Selectmen also discussed the draft warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

The Selectmen agreed to approve both final warrants at their meeting on Wednesday morning this week.

IT Manager re: Request to Raise Salary Range for New Hire

Information Technology Manager Dave Petto appeared before the Board to request a higher salary offer for the new IT Specialist position.

The Board: moved to approve the Information Technology Manager's requested salary offer of \$43,000 annually for the new IT Specialist position, as documented in his memorandum to the Board dated March 30, 2005.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Fire Chief re: Full Time Administrative Position and Permit Fee Increase

The Board of Selectmen discussed several requests from Fire Chief David Frizzell. Assistant Chief Angus Davison also participated in this discussion.

The Board moved: to approve the Fire Chief's request to increase the part-time Administrative Assistant position currently budgeted for FY05 to a full-time position, subject to approval from the Warrant Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to approve the Fire Chief's request to fill two full-time firefighter vacancies.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to approve the Fire Chief's request to increase the department's permit fees, as documented in his memorandum dated March 17, 2005.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Action by Writing

Letter from Belmont Center Business Association re: Town Day

The Board moved: to approve the Belmont Center Business Association's request to hold the 15th annual Belmont Town Day on Saturday, May 21, 2005.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Other

The Board of Selectmen discussed the FY06 budget and more specifically the need for the ice skating rink renovation in the next few years.

The Board of Selectmen announced that newly appointed Town Administrator Tom Younger would be starting his new role with the Town on April 11.

The Board thanked all members of the Town Administrator Search committee for their hard work.

The Board moved: to sign the employment contract for the new Town Administrator.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board of Selectmen discussed scheduling a goal meeting with the new Town Administrator sometime in the next three weeks.

The Board also discussed scheduling a welcoming party for the new Town Administrator on April 13th, 2005.

Selectman Brownsberger related that he had sought advice from the Town's legal counsel about taking on a criminal case for legal representation in Belmont and that legal counsel advised him that doing so would not in any way create any type of conflict with his status as Selectman.

The Board of Selectmen adjourned its open session at 8:45pm.

Thomas G. Younger
Town Administrator